

or believed to belong to the regular profession here, as possible for the purpose of forming a society."

After two or three preliminary meetings, with increased numbers, it was decided to send a notification to every practitioner in the city believed to be a regular member of the profession. This brought together a sufficient number to divest the meeting of anything like partisanship, and then forthwith proceeded to organize under the name of the "San Francisco Medical Society" by adopting a constitution and by-laws. The code of ethics framed, adopted and recommended by the American Medical Association constitutes the basis of our organization, and to this our constitution and by-laws conform.

This furnished a platform upon which all who are described as regular physicians and surgeons can meet upon terms of equality for mutual recognition and conference, whatever the source of their testimonials.

This Society seeks to secure co-operation among the "regular" members of the profession in San Francisco; and if its meetings are conducted in the right spirit, will be productive of mutual improvement by canvassing results of individual investigation and experience so that the observations of each may thus be made available for the benefit of all. Organized upon such a basis, with such objects in view, let us not only invite facts and observations, but give a cordial welcome to hypotheses in their interpretation.

Secretary's Report.

Mr. President and Members of the Society: As secretary I beg leave to submit the following report for the year 1910, i. e., from the 22nd day of January, when I took charge of this office, to December 10th, inclusive.

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| Number of members in Society Jan. 22, 1910.... | 482 |
| Admitted | 43 |
| Resigned | 9 |
| Transferred to other County Societies..... | 6 |
| Died | 7 |
| Dropped for non-payment of dues | 27 |
| Number members in Society, Dec. 10, 1910.... | 476 |

On going over the records of the Society on January 22, it was noticed that a large number of members were in arrears in their dues, in spite of 30 members having been dropped for that reason during 1909. Notwithstanding our continued efforts to collect all old accounts, as well as the current dues for the year 1910, it was impossible in some 27 instances to do anything but drop these names from the membership roll, thus losing \$789.25. There are now 476 members in good standing; many of them, however, do not seem to realize that dues are payable in advance, but from these members the Society can expect, within a very few weeks, to obtain the \$600 (approximately) still due. The Society is called upon to pay its assessment to the State Medical Society quite promptly, and cannot afford to carry delinquent members on its roll, and for this reason the total count of members is somewhat smaller than in 1907 and 1908, when less than one-half of the members paid their dues, but for whom assessments were nevertheless paid.

In the early part of this year letters were sent to several hundred local physicians, pointing out to them the advantages of membership. Still more recently the profession has again been circularized, with very encouraging results, so that it is believed that with renewed efforts on the part of this office, with the aid of an enthusiastic membership, at least 200 members should be obtained in another year. At this meeting alone eleven new members are to be admitted as proof of my statement.

Financial Statement, January 22 to December 10. Receipts.

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| Received from Dr. Rixford, treasurer, 1909 (check) | \$1,714.32 |
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| Received from Dr. O'Neill, secretary..... | 316.81 |
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| Total received (of which \$1027 was 1910 dues) | \$2,031.13 |
| Collected from members and rental of library | 5,916.28 |

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| Total receipts | \$7,947.41 |
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Disbursements.

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| Rent | \$1,320.00 |
| Cal. State Med. Soc., rent in lieu of ex-changes | 180.00 |
| Salary of office assistants, stenographer.... | 435.00 |
| Salary of assistant librarian to July 15..... | 455.00 |
| Old library bills | 1,015.30 |
| 1910 library bills | 562.53 |
| Attorney fees, 1910 | 125.00 |
| Assessment to State Society | 1,900.00 |
| Old bills, printing, salaries, reimbursing Dr. O'Neill | 136.68 |
| Old attorney bills | 525.00 |
| Incidentals (including printing, stationery, telephone, laundry, supplies, rent of safe deposit box, insurance on library, secretary's bond, taxes, commissions on collections, entertainment, etc)..... | 794.60 |

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| Total | \$7,449.11 |
| Balance on hand | \$ 498.30 |

There was furthermore received from the treasurer eight \$1000 N. W. Pacific bonds, with accumulating interest thereon amounting to \$600, \$10 of which was deposited in the current fund, from which fund the same amount was drawn last year for relief purposes.

The sum of \$200, representing the July coupons, has been added to this fund, on deposit in the S. F. Savings Union Bank.

As the members will have noted, it has been the aim of this office to keep the members in touch with all the transactions of the Board of Directors, so that the program has naturally increased considerably in its dimensions. In this way we have tried to maintain a greater interest on the part of members in the general welfare and proper status of the Society.

The following is a statement of the amounts collected and checks paid per month:

| | Collected Dues. | Checks Paid. |
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| Jan. 22, 1910, received from Drs. O'Neill and Rixford, of which \$1027 are 1910 dues..... | \$2,031.13 | |
| January | 150.00 | |
| February | 741.80 | \$ 962.70 |
| March | 391.00 | 1,468.98 |
| April | 536.90 | 393.75 |
| May | 367.00 | 592.40 |
| June | 507.25 | 255.50 |
| July | 1,123.15 | 723.75 |
| August | 633.35 | 194.10 |
| September | 701.33 | 1,268.35 |
| October | 350.50 | 495.50 |
| November | 338.50 | 597.60 |
| December | 75.50 | 495.48 |

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| Totals | \$7,947.41 | \$7,449.11 |
| Balance on hand | 498.30 | |

There are still a few outstanding bills to be settled before December 31, and it is probable that their total will not exceed \$300.

RENÉ BINE, Secretary.

Annual Report of the Milk Commission, December 13, 1910.

The Milk Commission has held monthly meetings regularly throughout the year and has issued certificates from month to month to the Ideal Farms at San Anselmo and the Timm Dairy at Dixon. The

milk has been of the same high quality which has been produced in the years previously. Mr. Nathan Moran, lawyer, and Dr. Geo. S. Baker, of the Bureau of Animal Industry, have served with the commission and rendered valuable services to the Society. The experts for the commission have been the same as last year, with the exception that Dr. Roadhouse has served since the resignation of Dr. Ward, in the capacity of veterinarian and bacteriologist.

The following written reports have been received by the commission during the year:

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| From the managers of the dairies..... | 21 |
| From the veterinarian | 20 |
| From the bacteriologist | 88 |
| From the chemist | 66 |

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In addition the herds at the certified farms have been examined regularly for tuberculosis, and individual members of the commission have made many personal visits during the year to the different farms.

Besides supervising the production of certified milk, the commission during the year arranged a popular meeting at Davis, preceding the annual meeting of the State Society, in association with the Health Association Congress, where matters pertaining to the production of certified milk were illustrated and explained to a large number of physicians, dairymen and others interested in sanitary problems.

The commission also attended a special meeting of the Santa Clara County Medical Society in an educational effort to extend the interest in certified milk. From these efforts and through a large amount of correspondence, commissions in various parts of the state are in process of formation.

Both certified dairies competed very successfully on October 19, 1910, at the National Dairy Show in Chicago. Samples many days old from the Timm Dairy and the Ideal Farms Dairy received a high score in the competition with certified milk produced near Chicago.

The commission has interested the railroads to the extent that special efforts are now to be made for more rapid transportation of certified milk into San Francisco.

All complaints which have been received from members of the Society have been carefully considered and thoroughly investigated, and where the fault lay in the production or distribution of the milk, correction has been ordered by the commission. One distributor, after repeated offense, has been refused the right to handle certified milk.

The sale of certified milk has increased slowly. From the sale of 2213 quarts per day in November, 1909, it has increased to 2982 quarts per day in November, 1910.

The finances of the commission are in excellent shape. At present all the experts are paid directly by the commission and the dairymen are charged a sum sufficient to cover the expense as well as all other educational and incidental expenses of the commission. In November, 1909, there remained a balance in the treasury of \$331.63. After paying an old account to Dr. Ward of \$165.50, due for services rendered a former milk commission, and meeting all other expenses for the year, there remains in November, 1910, a balance to the credit of the commission of \$448.78.

ALFRED BAKER SPALDING, Chairman.

Section on Medicine, San Francisco County Medical Society. December 6, 1910.

Report of a Case of Arterio Sclerosis due to Lead Poisoning, With Chronic Nephritis, Dilatation of Aorta, Angio-Neurotic Edema.

By WM. C. VOORSANGER, M. D., San Francisco.

L. B., re-entered Mt. Zion Hospital November 18, 1910. Nativity, Russian. Age, 30. Single. Occupa-

tion, carriage painter. Family history: father and moth both died of "kidney trouble." One brother living and healthy. No history in family of tuberculosis, rheumatism or insanity. Previous history: morbilli, scarlet fever, pertussis as a young child. Rheumatism at age of 10 years and has suffered several attacks thereafter. Yellow fever in 1902 in East Africa, followed in about three months by paralysis of left side of face, descending to left arm. Lasted nine months. In 1900, while in South Africa, patient was taken to hospital suffering from severe abdominal cramps. He was constipated eight days, leaving hospital in two weeks in very weakened state. In 1905 came to the United States still slightly suffering from former paralysis. Shortly thereafter entered hospital for abdominal cramps and dizziness. Came to San Francisco in 1906 and remained well for two years. In 1908 had several attacks of vertigo, nausea and abdominal cramps, for which he was admitted to Mt. Zion Hospital, remaining four days. In September, 1909, re-entered hospital for similar attack and remained five weeks. April, 1910, re-entered hospital, complaining of dizziness, faintness, constipation, shortness of breath and palpitation of heart. Remained three weeks. September 13, 1910, re-entered hospital. Left October 13. Re-entered October 17, leaving November 13. At this time developed an intense swelling of face and lips. November 18 was brought in an ambulance, having fainted on street, and is in the hospital at the present time.

Present complaints consist of pain in the chest and in right upper abdomen; dizziness, nausea and palpitation of heart, headaches and extreme nervousness.

Status: Well-built man, rather anemic. Teeth poor. Stomatitis present, gums suppurating, tongue coated. No glandular enlargement. No disturbance in course of cerebral nerves. Slight edema of lower extremities. Chest moves freely and equally. No dulness over lungs. Normal respiration.

Heart and blood vessels: Apex beat not visible, not palpable. A thrill is felt over precordia, but is more marked upon palpation on jugular fossa. It appears to be presystolic in character. Heart borders upper at third interspace, left at nipple line. Right, one finger's breadth to right of right sternal line. Dulness is quite marked over upper sternum for an area of 2½ inches. Jugular pulsation visible and pronounced, also visible pulsation of radials and carotids. Radials are markedly thickened and sclerosed, tension increased, rate 80. Blood pressure R. R. apparatus 200. At apex of heart a systolic murmur is heard, increasing in intensity upwards and heard most distinctly over aortic area. An X-Ray photograph shows a dilatation of aorta.

Abdomen: Right upper quadrant a large tumor mass is felt. Liver enlarged to percussion.

Reflexes exaggerated.

Urine examination: 1020. Albumen 1 per mille. No sugar. Microscopical examination negative.

Blood examination: shows slight secondary anemia.

Diagnosis: Arterio sclerosis due to lead poisoning, chronic nephritis, dilatation of aorta, angio-neurotic edema.

The treatment of the case has been and is purely symptomatic. Rest and thorough purging and diuresis with small doses of potassium iodide relieve the attacks, but these return whenever patient resumes work. The future is naturally very much in dubio.

Demonstration of (1) Case of Cretinism, (2) Primary Brain Tumor with a Secondary Hydrocephalus.

By MILTON ABRAHAMSON, M. D., San Francisco.

Case 1. I take pleasure in being able to present to you to-night two cases which are of unusual interest; one a sporadic cretin, the other a case of primary brain tumor with a secondary hydrocephalus. Both